

**Listing of Claims:****BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. (Currently amended): A connector comprising:  
2 a hollow member having an open first end and an open second end joined by  
3 a bore extending through said hollow member having a first bore section and a  
4 second bore section that is stepwise reduced from said first bore section creating an  
5 annular shoulder therebetween, said ~~first bore~~ second section tapering inwardly from  
6 said shoulder toward a third bore section;  
7 a sealing member receiver integrally formed into the connector and located  
8 within said second bore section near said third bore section; ~~and~~  
9 a sealing member seated within said sealing member receiver ~~and as said~~  
10 sealing member receiver is formed, said sealing member being compressed during  
11 formation of said sealing member receiver to at least partially protruding protrude  
12 inwardly into said second bore section;  
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- 14 2. (Original) The connector of claim 1 further comprising at least one retaining  
15 assembly located on one end of said hollow member.
- 1 3. (Original) The connector of claim 2, wherein said retaining assembly is a barbed-  
2 type retaining assembly formed on said hollow member adjacent said second end of  
3 said bore.
- 1 4. (Original): The connector of claim 3 further comprising a sealing member receiver  
2 formed on said barbed retainer; and  
3 a second sealing member seated within said sealing member receiver on said  
4 barbed retainer, said second sealing member extending at least partially radially  
5 outward of said barbed retainer to effect a sealing relationship with a conduit.
- 1 5. (Original) The connector of claim 4, wherein at least a portion of said barbed  
2 retainer is formed without a parting line.

- 1 6. (Currently amended): The connector of claim 2, ~~wherein said retaining assembly is~~  
2 1 further comprising, a latch-type conduit retaining assembly mounted on said  
3 hollow member at said first end and including a retaining clip biased toward a lock  
4 position.
- 1 7. (Original): The connector of claim 1, wherein said hollow member is configured as  
2 an in-line connection with said first open end and said second open end lying on a  
3 common axis.
- 1 8. (Original): The connector of claim 1, wherein said hollow member has an elbow  
2 configuration with a bend between said first open end and said second open end.
- 1 9. (Currently amended): The connector of claim 7 8 further comprising a flange  
2 extending partially into said bore extending between a first corner of said bend to  
3 a second corner of said bend, whereby said flange prevents overinsertion of conduit.
- 1 10. (Original): A connector comprising:  
2 a hollow member having a first open end and a second open end joined by  
3 a bore;  
4 said hollow member defining a sealing member receiver housing an  
5 integrally assembled sealing member, wherein said sealing member receiver is  
6 adapted to load said sealing member such that a portion of said sealing member  
7 protrudes into said bore; and  
8 at least one conduit retaining assembly located at one of said ends.
- 1 11. (Currently amended): The connector of claim 9 10, wherein said receiver includes  
2 a concave recess formed in said member having opposing surfaces between which  
3 said sealing member is seated.
- 1 12. (Currently amended): The connector of claim 9 10, wherein said bore opens radially  
2 outward adjacent one side of said sealing member defining a clearance for removal  
3 of an insert assembly during formation of said connector.

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1 13. (Original): The connector of claim 11, wherein said hollow member has a surface  
2 adjacent said sealing member extending axially toward said first open end and  
3 radially outward to define a frustoconical bore section adjacent said sealing member.

1 14. (Original): The connector of claim 12 further comprising a cylindrical bore section  
2 adjacent said frustoconical bore section stepped radially outward by a shoulder  
3 separating said sections, said cylindrical bore section opening at said first open end.

1 15. (Original): The connector of claim 13 further comprising generally cylindrical third  
2 bore section stepped radially inward by an annular flange inward from said  
3 frustoconical portion to an extent less than the protrusion of said sealing member  
4 into said bore.

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(could) 1 16. (Original): The connector of claim 14 further comprising a barbed conduit retaining  
2 assembly having a plurality of barbs formed on said hollow member assembly  
3 adjacent said second end;  
4 said barbed retaining assembly defining a second sealing member receiver  
5 located on an exterior of said hollow member adjacent one of said barbs;  
6 a sealing member carried by said second sealing member retainer;  
7 wherein said second sealing member is adapted to protrude radially outward  
8 of said barbs.

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1 21. (New): A connector comprising:  
2 a hollow member having an open first end and an open second end joined by  
3 a bore extending through said hollow member, wherein said hollow member has an  
4 elbow configuration with a bend between said first open end and said second open  
5 end; and

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- 6 a flange extending partially into said bore and extending from a first corner  
7 of said bend to a second corner of said bend, whereby said flange prevents  
8 overinsertion of a conduit within said bore.
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